

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 30, lines 13-20, to read as follows:

B₁ Michael-type addition to conjugated unsaturated groups can take place in good to quantitative yields at room or body temperature and in mild conditions with a wide variety of nucleophiles (Pathak, supra; Moghaddam et al., Journal of Polymer Science: Part A: Polymer Chemistry 31:1589-1597, 1993; and Zhao, supra). Conjugated unsaturated groups, such as vinyl sulfones (Pathak, supra), have been used to link PEG or polysaccharides to proteins through Michael-type reactions with amino- or mercapto-groups.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 20-50 without prejudice.

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